

# ABC NEWS

aldwick baptist church



**Sunday 1st December 2024**

**Series: Advent 2024**

**Our family worship service**

**Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7**

**John & Joy Smith**

**TODAY'S FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE** – Today is the first Sunday in Advent when we begin to look forward to Jesus' birth. Simon's band will be leading this service which will very much be a team effort played by John, Joy and Simon. Expect the unexpected. Of course, we do hope you can join us for the service in the church but if you can't actually join us, you will be able to access the service at any time by going to: <https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>. This service will also include Breakfast Time which is open to all ages from 9.30am. Breakfast time is a place to encourage Christians and non-Christians alike, to share in some food together, before the family services begin.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING 1 – Don't miss out on the joys of Christmas**



**Christmas at ABC**

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm**  
Carols in the Car Park  
Salvation Army band with mince pies & hot chocolate
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm**  
Afternoon Carol Service  
with tea coffee & home-made cakes
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Nativity Service at 10.30 am  
with mince pies and tea/coffee
- Carols by Candlelight at 6.30 pm  
with mince pies and tea/coffee
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**  
Christmas Day Service

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 43 Gossamer Lane, Aldwick, PO21 3DD

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING 2** - We would like ABC to help provide 3 Christmas hampers for CAP (Christians Against Poverty) clients by latest Sunday 15th December to show our love to them. Please put items in the box provided in the foyer. The suggested items are: Sweet biscuits, Savoury biscuits, Nice family cake, Tinned fruit, Custard, Tinned meat, Mince Pies, Trifle (boxed), Crisps, Tinned salmon or tuna, Christmas crackers, Stuffing, Fruit juice, Tea and/or coffee, Jam and/or marmalade. **BUT** no alcohol or "value" food please. Thanking you in anticipation. Polly

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING 3** – to Eastergate Village Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm. With songs, carols, videos, readings and a seasonal quiz. There's something for everyone to enjoy. Plus refreshments during the interval – and it is all free. Come and enjoy the true joy of the season. Organised by Westergate Christian Fellowship. For further details check the website [www.westergatefellowship.co.uk](http://www.westergatefellowship.co.uk) or phone 01243 263821

## This week's poem

This week Arthur's poem reminds that God's amazing love for His people has won the victory over death and has set us on the road to eternity.

### "To set us free"

This love -  
that won the victory.  
For you and me -  
To set us free  
This love  
that never dies.  
This love -  
that cannot be denied.  
This love -  
– so amazing, so divine.  
That will last forever -  
away from space and time.  
This love -  
that sets us free  
for all eternity.  
This love  
that overcomes the fear and the pain.  
This love  
that always stays the same.  
This love  
that Jesua died for you and me  
And rose again - to set us free.

Arthur Magee

**SIMON DOWNING** – Simon is now going through a phased return to work under guidelines given to us by the Baptist Union. This means that he will gradually take on more responsibilities as his strength and his health improves. Please do not add any extra burdens into Simon during this period.

**FIRST RESPONDER** – I will continue to act as first responder for the time being, so please don't try to contact him, instead contact me in the case of problems.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE NEW NUMBERS** - Simon Downing (07411 91928); Church office (07743 257860)

## Prayer Board

... and finally

Please join us at our family prayer gathering in the church on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. It is really important that as many of us as possible come together to seek God's will for us in prayer.

Please continue to pray for Frank who has really been unwell for several weeks now. Pray for an accurate diagnosis, correct medication and healing. Pray too that Frank will soon be able to return to his ministry in our local schools.

Please pray for Sheila's granddaughter Lara who is in great pain at the moment. Please pray for pain relief and healing.

Please pray for Angela Halfacree who is in a lot of pain. Please pray for pain relief and healing. Do also thank God for Angela's ongoing prayer ministry.

Please pray for Jon who is still struggling with an irregular heart beat and is totally exhausted after all of his recent tests. Please pray for me too as I am suffering with my colitis at the moment. Thank you Michele.

Please pray too for Molly Hawkins, Mary Bullock, Pam McClaren, Val Colette, Mo Howland, Arthur Magee, Vivienne Newman, Hazel Bell - all of whom need our prayers. Do thank God that Simon has been able to rejoin us in church. Do pray for a gradual return to full health.